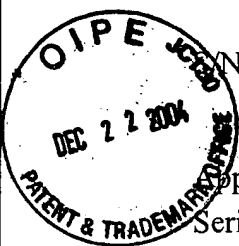


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In response to the non-final Office Action mailed on September 22, 2004, please consider and enter the following amendments and remarks. Claims 1-17, 39, and 40 remain pending in the application.

Amendments to the claims begin at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin at page 6 of this paper.

An Appendix beginning at page 10 of this paper includes two replacement sheets and a Terminal Disclaimer.